

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Law and Social Policy
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	Module SOW7007 to be set up in SITS

5	Module Overview
<p>Numerous court cases have emphasised the need for a sound knowledge of, and ability to critically reflect on, the relationship between social work practice and the law, and there have been calls for increased legal literacy amongst social workers. Legal and policy knowledge is inherent in the domains of the Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF), most notably domain four (Rights, Justice and Economic Wellbeing) and domain five (Knowledge). Social workers are required to work within the legal and ethical boundaries of their profession and to demonstrate an understanding of legislation relating to social work practice across various settings.</p> <p>This module supports all programme aims, particularly being practice-led and knowledge applied, employability driven and interdisciplinary, with its focus on the application of legal and social policy knowledge. It contributes towards the programme philosophy by ensuring you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build the capacity and skills to promote human rights and social justice, through legal literacy • develop a critical understanding of the social work knowledge base and skills, enabling you to 'know and do' • develop skills in relation to statutory interventions • understand the political context of social work <p>The module is delivered using a range of learning and teaching methods. This includes interactive lectures, seminar discussion, case study work, guided reading and online activity.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>This module has been designed to equip you with the necessary knowledge of the English legal system and core legal and policy provisions underpinning social work practice with adults and children and families, to ensure that your future practice is legally literate</p> <p>The module aims to develop your ability to demonstrate a critical awareness and appraisal of law and policy and to apply it to practice scenarios. You will critically analyse the relationship between legislation, case law, policy and social work practice. You will also develop your ability to critically analyse the political drivers that influence policy initiatives and the impact this has on law and practice. This will enable you to consider the ethical dilemmas involved in social work practice and the impact these have on service users and carers.</p>	

7		Module Learning Outcomes On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:
	1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key statutes and legal frameworks that inform and mandate social work practice with adults and children.
	2	Critically analyse the ethical and practice dilemmas for social workers when carrying out their statutory duties with adults and children, and the impact these have on their decision making.
	3	Critically reflect on the social policy initiatives and frameworks that influence law and social work practice with adults and children, in order to promote individuals' rights.
	4	Demonstrate an ability for critical application of the relevant legal and policy frameworks to practice case scenarios, recognising the scope for and role of professional judgement.

8		Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome				
		Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1 – 4			X	

9		Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities		Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		40	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		20	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		140	
Total Study Hours:		200	